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SUBJ: HUNGARIAN PRESS MBFR "LEAK" TRACED TO FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. EMBASSY JUST RECEIVED FEB ISSUE OF COMMUNIST PARTY THEORETICAL JOURNAL TARSADALMI SZEMLE. LEAD ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY HUNGARIAN FONMIN FRIGYES PUJA AND CONTAINS DETAILS OF NATO MBFR PROPOSAL, INCLUDING NUMBERS OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS, F-4'S AND PERSHING MISSILES TO BE WITHDRAWN.

2. SINCE TARSADALMI SZEMLE IS CIRCULATED AMONG PARTY AND MEDIA LEADERS AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE IT APPEARS ON NEWSSTANDS, WE ASSUME THAT NEPSZABADSAG FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPECIALIST PETER VAJDA, WHO WROTE ORIGINAL MBFR ARTICLE (BUDAPEST 0485), HAD ACCESS TO FONMIN PUJA'S STATEMENT. IN THIS KIND OF POLITICAL SYSTEM ANY JOURNALIST WOULD

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ASSUME THAT FONMIN WOULD NOT PUBLISH ANYTHING

"CONFIDENTIAL" OR NOT CLEARED BY PARTY POLICY MAKERS.

3. AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL HERE, PUJA IS FIRST
GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIAL TO PUBLICLY DISCLOSE DATA ON
LATEST NATO PROPOSAL.
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